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In re Appln. of: Sanders et al.

Appln. No.: 10/032,700

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT
 GARMENT AND METHOD FOR
 ASSEMBLY THEREOF

Examiner: Stephens,
 Jacqueline F.

Art Unit: 3761

Attorney Docket No: 659-911

Client Ref. No.: 17154

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- ☒ Response to Final Office Action and Written Statement as to Substance of Interview
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND WRITTEN STATEMENT AS TO
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's courtesy in conducting a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney on January 24, 2006 to discuss the outstanding Office Action mailed January 11, 2006. During the interview, the parties discussed (1) the status of the Office Action, which is designated as both "final" and

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"non-final," (2) the misidentification of claims 35-37 as being withdrawn, and (3) the lack of any rejection or indication of allowance corresponding to claims 41-44.

With respect to the first issue, the Examiner stated that the action was final.

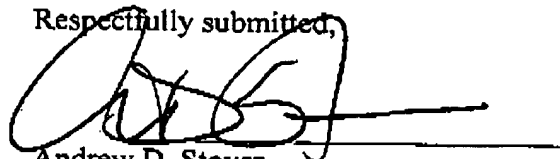
With respect to the third issue, the Examiner stated that she would issue a new Office Action addressing those claims. To date, Applicants have not received another Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants do not know the status of claims 41-44 and cannot respond to the present Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants again respectfully request a new Office Action be issued, with a restart of the time period for responding thereto.

With respect to the second issue, the Examiner stated that she would correct the status of the claims in the new Office Action.

Any questions concerning this Response should be directed to the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

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Respectfully submitted,



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